

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GENETICALLY MODIFIED FRUIT VEGETABLE AND SEED VARIETIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that multi national companies are waging a biotech warfare against the country's farmers through genetically modifying Indian vegetable and fruit seed varieties;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether Indo-American variety of vegetable is harmful to health and are having less nutritional value;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): No genetically modified vegetable and fruit seeds have so far been permitted to be sold in the country.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No information is available with the Government on the harmfulness of Indo-American variety of vegetable.
- (d)&(e): Do not arise.